

COLUMBIA.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 10, 1868.

DANGER OF A COTTON MANIA.—The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle raises a note of warning on the danger of too exclusive devotion to cotton-growing in the approaching season. That paper says:

"With the staple at twenty-five cents, or even twenty cents a pound, money can be made by planting, provided the planter makes his own provisions. We incline to doubt, however, if money can be made when all the corn, long forage and provisions for the planter's family and his laborers have to be bought at the present high prices. Neither do we believe that much clear money can be made upon rented lands. When the rent is paid, the laborer paid, the provisions paid for, the loss of work animals, and the wear and tear of farming implements are paid for, there will be little left to the profit side of the account. Our eye has just fallen upon a statement made in one of our State exchanges, that a tract of land of 285 acres, in Polk County, rented for \$2,700, or within a fraction of ten dollars per acre. The reason why it brought so much is stated to be, because 'it is among the best cotton places in the State.' Now, when the renter of that place pays for his labor and provisions, and then deducts from his crop \$2,700 for rent, we shall be greatly surprised if he has a single dollar left in the way of profits."

GENERAL GRANT ABROAD.—The London Spectator observes: "The years during which President Grant occupies the White House, will clearly not be 'good' times for speculators, or for disaffected officials, or for persons who violently disturb the public peace." In alluding to his published correspondence, &c., it adds: "Gen. Grant comes out in these letters and orders, and—no, not speeches—sayings, a soldier politician of the best sort, a man gentle, kindly and considerate, but with a vein of wrath in him, a man who surveys politics as he would a valley, without seeing every tree, but missing no strategic point; a soldier who is aware that there must be force somewhere to keep society together, but a politician who is determined that force shall be law, framed and modified by the representatives of the people. We congratulate the United States on a Premier who dislikes waste, even when the wasteful support his party, and will put down murderers even when they plead the sovereign rights of States."

GAMBLING IN GERMANY AND NEW YORK.—A New York correspondent maintains that the gambling at Baden-Baden, Germany, is not nearly so reckless as that observable in Wall street, New York. He alludes to an elegant church building in the latter city, towards the erection of which one young man gave \$40,000. This young man owned a fine country seat on the Hudson, an elegant establishment in New York; had his fast team on the road, made, it was said, seldom less than \$25,000 a day. Thirty days ago his name was good for any amount at the bank. His country house has gone, he has given up his city establishment, and he has not now money enough to buy a bag of oats for his fast team. Erie and the Pacific Mail carried them under.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE IN ENGLAND.—The movement in favor of women voting is advancing in England much more decisively than in the United States. No less a man than Mr. Gladstone has given it his approbation so far that he thinks that widows and spinners who own property ought to have the right to vote upon it on the same conditions as men, but then this opinion of the future English premier was given just before election time, and it is just possible that he may find it convenient to forget or to ignore it by the time he gets in power.

HON. JOHN MORRISSEY'S SLAT TO BE CONTESTED.—Mr. James M. McCartin, the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District of New York, at the November election, has inaugurated proceedings looking toward the contesting of the election of his successful opponent, the Hon. John Morrissey. Mr. McCartin bases his action on the allegation that Mr. Morrissey is not an American citizen.

FINAL DECISION IN THE FORREST DIVORCE CASE.—Under the final decision of the Court of Appeals, in New York, on the 6th, Mrs. Sinclair recently obtained from her former husband, Edwin Forrest, \$85,000 costs and hitherto unpaid alimony.

Miss Mary Wiltse, aged seventeen, residing in the family of Stephen Moore, at Rochelle, Illinois, the daughter of a respectable farmer, committed suicide on Friday night, by taking strychnine.

The Spanish press urges the concession of liberal reforms for Cuba and the settlement of the slavery question. Carlist movements are organizing in the provinces.

The vote on negro suffrage in Iowa was as follows: For suffrage, 105,384; against suffrage, 81,110.

State Legislature. TWELFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 8, 1868.—The Senate assembled at 12 M., and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Mr. Jilson asked and obtained leave of absence for four days, to attend to important business.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the report of the Comptroller-General, enclosing the report of the officers of the Bank of the State. Received as information and referred to Committee on Finance.

The House sent to the Senate a concurrent resolution for the removal of the political disabilities of Robert Black, Wm. H. Anderson, Samuel Hale and Joel Farmer. Referred to the Special Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Allen presented the accounts of Long & Burnham, and R. D. Long, for medical services rendered.

Mr. Annin presented the account of B. Lockwood, for services rendered as teacher. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Corbin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to organize townships and define their powers and privileges," reported back the same, with a recommendation that the bill do lie upon the table. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred the petitions of F. E. McKenzie and others, relative to a bridge across the Saluda River at Grove Station; of sundry citizens of Oconee, relative to the opening of a road from Wallhalla to Oconee Station; of the same to open a road from Jocassee to Wallhalla; of Salles Randall, of Barnwell County, for change of a road; and of W. A. Easterlin, of Orangeburg, for change of a road; reported back the same, with a recommendation that inasmuch as the subject of these petitions comes clearly within the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the several Counties, the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Jilson, from the Special Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities, to whom was referred the petitions of Hon. John C. Hope, of Lexington, and Joseph B. Hellar, of Newberry, reported back the same, with a recommendation that the Senate do adopt a concurrent resolution, recommending to the Congress of the United States the removal of the political disabilities of the petitioners. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Hayes, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the reports of that committee on the following: On the accounts of Drs. R. W. Gibbs and R. G. Montgomery, for post mortem examinations (favorable.) Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Wright introduced a bill to repeal the charter of the town of Beaufort, S. C. Received its first reading, and was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Corbin introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that the military orders respecting juries, in force by virtue of Section 8, of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the Circuit Court in certain cases," be printed in the new edition of the laws recently ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jilson introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that a Special Committee of Three be appointed by the President, to inquire into the affairs and condition of the Cedar Spring Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, Spartanburg County, and to report thereon. Messrs. Jilson, Foster and Lunney were appointed said committee.

Report and resolution from the Board of County Commissioners for Richland County, were read and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Resolution to elect a Standing Committee of Five on County Officers and Officers, was read and agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to the election, *via voice*, of a Standing Committee on Officers and Officers, when Messrs. Annin, Buck, Allen, Corbin and Lunney were elected.

Resolution relative to the removal of political disabilities, was referred to the proper committee.

Bill to incorporate the Ashley Bridge Company, was taken up for consideration, received its second reading, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the law in relation to recording mortgages, and to regulate the lien thereof," received its second reading, was considered by sections, and ordered to be engrossed by engrossed for a third reading.

A bill (from the House) to facilitate the drawing of jurors in this State, received its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of Committee on Claims, on the accounts of Dr. A. W. Kennedy, for arrearage of salary as Surgeon of the Arsenal Academy, at Columbia, from 1st January, 1864, to 31st December, 1864, and B. H. Knight, for services as burser to the State Military Academy. The report and bill were laid on the table.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the report of the Committee on the account of Dr. A. W. Kennedy for services rendered prisoners in jail. Decided in the affirmative, and the report ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Report of Committee on Claims, on account of Dr. Henry F. Heriot, of Georgetown, S. C., was read, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate adjourned at 2 30 P. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 12 M. The Speaker took the Chair. Prayer by Rev. B. James.

Mr. Sasportas, from the Committee on Engrossed Acts, reported as duly and correctly engrossed for a third reading, a bill to regulate the distillation of spirituous liquors in this State. Laid over for a third reading.

Mr. Whipper, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported (unfavorably) on the petition of John W. Stagers for change of name. Received as information, and committee discharged.

Also, (favorably,) on a bill to punish sheriffs and other officers for violation of the homestead law. The report was laid on the table to take up the bill, which was laid over for a second reading. Also, on a resolution of instruction to report a bill prohibiting the licensing of cock-pits in this State, and recommended the indefinite postponement of the resolution, which was adopted.

Mr. Jenks introduced a resolution, that the late official reporter of the House of Representatives be hereby authorized to prepare the proceedings of the late special session for publication, in his own way, and to illustrate, from the record all the published portions of the journal which have not been subjects of discussion. Agreed to.

Mr. S. J. Lee introduced a resolution, that a special committee be appointed to inquire what members have not reported at this session, and the reason for not so doing. Adopted.

Mr. Hyde introduced a bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to lease the State Road, running from the County of Greenville, in the State of South Carolina, across the Saluda Mountain, to the County of Henderson, in North Carolina." Read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. W. H. Jones introduced a bill to amend an Act to license certain persons herein named to act as pilots, and to provide the terms upon which they shall hereafter be licensed. Read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Waller introduced a bill to renew the charter of Hemingway's Ferry, over the Waccamaw River. Read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Feriter introduced a resolution, that when this General Assembly adjourns, it will adjourn on Saturday, the 19th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M., to meet again on Wednesday, the 4th day of January, 1869, at 12 M.: *Provided*, That no per diem or mileage be allowed to any member or other attaché of this General Assembly during the period of such adjournment. Laid on the table by a vote of 48 yeas to 28 yeas—absent and not voting 45.

The Senate sent several messages relative to the appointment of special committees; also, with concurrence, a resolution to appoint a Committee to inquire if any other building can be obtained sufficient for the accommodation of the General Assembly. Also, with concurrence, a resolution that the several military orders specified in an Act entitled "An Act to quiet rights vested under military orders" be printed, to the extent of fifteen hundred copies. Also, with concurrence, a resolution appointing a committee to report the number of attaches necessary for the General Assembly.

Mr. Turner presented the petition of George W. H. Legg, of Spartanburg County, praying removal of political disabilities. Referred to the Committee on Disabilities.

Mr. O'Connell introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means to inquire what legislation may be necessary to compel County Treasurers, or other officers engaged in the collection of taxes, to report what amount of bills receivable of this State and in United States currency, and to make return of the same under oath. He also introduced a concurrent resolution, that a Special Committee, consisting of

of the Senate and three of the House, be appointed, to consider and report a plan whereby the manufacture of cotton and other staples may be promoted within the limits of this State, and whether it may be necessary or advisable to extend the faith and credit of the State to the development of manufacturing enterprises, and if so, in what manner and to what extent such credit may be made available for the purpose. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Tomlinson moved that the report enclosed in Governor's Message No. 3 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Agreed to.

A (Senate) bill accepting the donation of land to the State of South Carolina for the endowment of agricultural colleges, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to regulate the distillation of spirituous liquors in this State was taken up, and put upon its third reading, passed and sent to the Senate.

A bill to incorporate the Calvary Baptist Church, of the city of Charleston, was put upon its second reading, slightly amended and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A joint resolution to pay S. L. Leaphart, late Comptroller-General, \$184.93 for extra services during the months of July and August, 1868, was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading.

A bill (Senate) to renew the charter of the Camden Independent Fire Engine Company, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A concurrent resolution, requiring County Commissioners to make a report to the Attorney-General whether they have complied with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to define the jurisdiction and duties of County Commissioners," was laid on the table.

A joint resolution for the relief of E. W. Oliver was read the first time, and laid over for a second reading.

The Senate sent to this House a concurrent resolution as the opinion of the Senate, that it is inexpedient and improper for any individual to be appointed to, or to hold, more than one County office at the same time, and that the Governor be respectfully requested to conform his action to this opinion. And that the concurrence of the House be requested. Laid on the table.

Mr. Doyle obtained leave of absence for five days, and Mr. C. D. Hayne for two days.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, a bill to prescribe the manner in which all debts contracted prior to May 1, 1865, shall be collected in this State, was taken up from the table, but without action, House adjourned at 2 30 p. m.

The Fair.

MR. EDITOR: The fair, which was given by the ladies of Columbia, for the benefit of the Ursuline Nuns, has been a perfect success—realizing \$551, a much larger sum than could have been expected in our present status.

I wish to express, on the part of those ladies, their many and sincere thanks to the kind friends, who have come forward on this interesting occasion, and assure them of the only acknowledgment now in the power of the nuns to make, viz: "earnest prayer that the Giver of all good gifts, may bestow a hundred-fold on their friends and benefactors." It is to be devoutly wished that, by some appropriation or otherwise, this able corps of lady teachers, whose lives are devoted to education of young girls; should soon be placed in a position to secure to society such an institution as they conduct, and on a larger scale. We have visited the Ursulines of Quebec—the mother house in this country—where they have 600 students, and would like to see such an institution here.

AMICUS.

San Francisco, according to its directory, contained in July, 1868, an estimated population of 147,950 souls, of whom 45,000 were white minor children, the males being under 21, and the females under 18. The number of females over 18 is estimated at 80,000.

Large quantities of counterfeit greenbacks have been put in circulation recently, in South-west Missouri. On Wednesday, Perry Randolph, a heavy operator, was arrested in Kansas City with \$16,000 of the false paper on his person.

BUIST'S

GENUINE ONION SETS.

These are reliable. For sale by E. E. JACKSON, Plain street.

Dec 10 6

Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

8 BOXES ROSE BUD, very fine, 1 boxes Dew Drop, very fine, 2 cases pure Virginia Leaf Smoking Tobacco, half and whole boxes.

JOHN C. SEEGERS, Dec 10 Main street, rear Post Office.

Cheese, Cheese.

SCHWITZER, Limberger and German HAND CHEESE.

JOHN C. SEEGERS, Dec 10 Main street, rear Post Office.

New Goods.

WE offer the finest collection of GOODS, at wholesale, ever offered in the State, at prices to meet any market in the State. Our retail department is replete with rich and handsome goods.

Dec 10 3 R. C. SHIVER.

Wines and Liquors.

STOCK unusually full of the choicest brands SCOTCH WHISKY, French Brandy, Kentucky and Corn Whiskey, Champagne, Claret, Rhine Wines, Sherry, Madeira and Port Wines. For sale at lowest prices, according to quality.

Dec 10 GEO. SYMMERS.

Oranges and Lemons.

5,000 INDIAN RIVER FLORIDA ORANGES.

10,000 imported Lemons. Pecans, Filberts and Almonds. For sale by GEO. SYMMERS.

Local Items.

FIRE.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire was discovered in the two-story building, on Gervais street, just beyond the Charlotte Railroad, known as the Randolph house, owned, we believe, by a Mr. Douglas. The building was unoccupied, and the fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary. The firemen were out, but owing to the want of water, their services were of no avail.

ELECTIONS BY THE LEGISLATURE.—On the first ballot, yesterday, R. B. Carpenter Esq., formerly Register in Bankruptcy, was elected Judge of the First Circuit. There were several candidates.

W. J. McKinley, at present a member of the House, was elected as Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County. He is an intelligent colored man, highly respected by all who are acquainted with him.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.—A freight train ran off the track above Newberry, yesterday morning, and detained the passenger train an hour. At Frog Level, a stick of wood, accidentally dropped on the track, was unnoticed by the engineer of the down passenger train, and the locomotive was thrown off—causing a further detention of several hours. Very little damage. The train arrived last night about 8 o'clock.

NEW COMMANDANT AT COLUMBIA.—Colonel Milton Cogswell, late acting Mayor in Charleston, it is stated, has been assigned to the command of this city.

FAST AND CHEAP PRINTING.—We have just added a fast card press—of the Degener & Weiler patent—to the machinery of the *Pharos* office; and have also made additions to our stock of fancy type, cards, paper, etc. Persons in want of any styles of book and job printing, are invited to call and examine samples and prices. Cards printed at shortest notice, and at prices varying from \$3 to \$10 per thousand.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA, November term, 1868, Hon. George S. Bryan, District Judge, presiding. Court opened at 10 o'clock A. M. The jurors answered to their names, as on previous days.

The Judge continued calling the Issue Docket, and assigned days for trial of those cases in which parties were prepared.

INQUIRY DOCKET. Phillips, Bliss & Co. vs. Danner, Bell & Co. William Elliott, plaintiffs' attorney. Judge decreed damages at \$875.66 for plaintiffs.

In the following cases the jury rendered verdicts for plaintiffs as follows: D. S. Winebrenner vs. H. C. Mark. F. W. McMaster, plaintiff's attorney. Verdict \$542.90. Coffin, Lee & Co. vs. Samuel Brown. John B. Moore, plaintiff's attorney. Verdict \$533.80.

ISSUE DOCKET.

William F. Moore vs. James C. McCallman and Bernard Early. Simonson & Barker, plaintiff's attorneys. Brewster & Spratt, defendants' attorneys. Verdict for plaintiff \$990.05.

William D. Dickey vs. James Nesbitt. Sullivan & Stokes, plaintiff's attorneys. Perry & Perry, defendant's attorneys. Verdict for plaintiff \$3,803.47.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In re A. J. & T. J. Teague. Judge approved of appointment of Z. W. Carville as assignee.

In re Moses Winstock, *ex parte* H. B. Clafin & Co. Melton & McLaren, pro. pet. Ordered that examination of bankrupt be had before this Court on 15th December, 1868.

Ex parte W. E. Clary. Petition for final discharge. Jones & Jones pro. pet. Upon favorable report of Register Summer, Judge ordered a certificate of discharge under seal of Court.

Ex parte John G. Baker. Petition for final discharge. Asher D. Cohen, pro. pet. Order of reference to R. B. Carpenter, Register.

Ex parte M. A. Hunnicutt. Petition to amend schedule. Reed & Brown, pro. pet. On motion of solicitors pro. pet., petition granted.

In re Richard V. Gist. Petition for final discharge. James M. Baxter, pro. pet. Order of reference to Register Summer, &c.

Ex parte Isaac Herbert. Petition for final discharge. Order of reference to Register Summer and final hearing to be held before this Court on 4th January, 1869.

In re William Summer, A. W. Sander, A. A. Pollock, William L. Leggett, Harris R. Easterling, *ex parte* United States of America. Petition to establish priority of liens. D. T. Corbin, pro. pet. Action reserved.

There being no further business for consideration, the Court adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

* General Tom Thumb and wife, Commodore Nutt and Miss Minnie Warren, the renowned dwarfs, will hold levees and give entertainments in Gregg's Hall, on the 19th.

CASE.—Our terms are strictly cash. If an advertisement is to be inserted, hand over the money; if a paper is subscribed for, the money must accompany the order—otherwise no attention will be paid to them. This is a rule which will be adhered to.

ANOTHER TREAT IN STORE.—Stone & Murray's great circus troupe will pitch their tent in Columbia on the 26th. All who visited them when they last appeared here will be sure to call again, and induce their friends to follow suit.

PRACTICAL RECONSTRUCTION.—We congratulate Messrs. Agnew & Co., the worthy successors of Hitchcock, in the proprietorship of the popular stables, on Assembly street, on the acquisition of a new, handsome and exceedingly comfortable "buss" to their rolling stock. The ornamental work on the new institution was performed by our townsman, Mr. James Milne, and is exceedingly creditable to his ability as an artist and expert. Messrs. Agnew & Co. have done a great deal since their successorship to Hitchcock, to show they intend to supply the wants of Columbia in their line of business; and we are perfectly satisfied that their efforts will not go unrewarded, even in the peculiarly depressed condition of our community. We suggest to them a good old Latin motto for their adoption. It may not be convenient to their patrons if literally followed, but it will certainly be profitable to them: *Jam forte in omnibus.*

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The post office open during the week from 8½ a. m. to 6 p. m. On Sundays, from 4 to 5 p. m.

The Charleston and Western mails are open for delivery at 5 p. m., and close at 8½ p. m. Charleston night mail open 8½ a. m., close 4½ p. m.

Northern—Open for delivery at 8½ a. m., close at 2 45 p. m.

Greenville—Open for delivery 5 p. m., closes at 8½ p. m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Special attention is called to the following advertisements, published for the first time this morning:

E. Pollard—Specialities. Fisher & Heinitsch—Pure Ground. Jacob Levin—Auction. Stone & Murray's Circus. P. Cantwell—Pig Hams. Lanier House. Geo. Symmers—Newark Cider, &c. R. C. Shiver—New Goods. J. C. Seegers—Tobacco, &c. E. E. Jackson—Onion Sets.

Newark Cider—First of the Season. 2 BBLs. for sale, on draught, by Dec 10 GEO. SYMMERS.

Pig Hams.

4 BBLs. extra fine New York PIG HAMS, small size, 2 bbls. BACON STRIPS, just received and for sale at P. CANTWELL'S, Dec 10 Main street.

Pure Ground Spices for Family Use.

TO obtain a pure article of Pepper, Ginger, Cinnamon and SPICES generally, in a ground state, fit to use, has been a very difficult matter heretofore. The subscribers have now in store Ground Spices, of warranted purity and superiority. No one need hesitate to buy the Ground Spices from their store—they are just what is wanted in every family—a pure Ground Spice, ready for use.

Ground Pepper, Mace, Tapioca, "Ginger, Nutmeg, Bromo, "Spice, Chocolate, "Cinnamon, Cox's Gelatine, "Cloves, English Mustard, Arrowroot, Sago, Cocoa.

For sale by FISHER & HEINITSH, Dec 10 Druggists.

SPECIALITIES.

Pocket Knives.

THE Largest and Best Selection of Rodgers', Wostenholms', and Needham's POCKET and PEN KNIVES.

Razors and Razor Strops.

RODGERS', Wade and Butcher's, and Wostenholms' very best RAZORS and STROPS.

ALSO, Emerson's best STROP.

Hair Brushes.

THE Largest and Best Assortment of English and French BRUSHES—something Superb.

Toilet Combs.

ENGLISH and French, Extra Large and Strong, of the very best quality. Shell, Buffalo and Rubber COMBS.

Tooth Brushes.

THE Best Selection of Extra Fine English and French BRUSHES to be found—warranted to last from 1 to 3 years.

Fine Extracts and Toilet Powder.

Lubin's Fine Extracts. BROWN WINDSOR SOAP, Toilet Powder, German Cologne, French Pomade, Hair Oils—with every variety of Article especially adapted for the Toilet.

No better selection to be found. Just received Dec 10 11mo At E. POLLARD'S.